Introduced by Senator Knight

February 14, 2003

An act relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 243, as introduced, Knight. Community colleges: consolidation of categorical program funding.

Existing law creates the California Community Colleges and establishes various categorical education programs under which funding is provided for specific educational purposes.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to consolidate funding for several similar categorical programs into larger block grants, and to redefine the parameters of the programs accordingly.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that
- 2 community colleges have, over the years, taken on a variety of
- 3 different responsibilities and programs. While these programs
- 4 respond to important issues and needs, there are increasing
- 5 instances of overlap and duplication. Moreover, some of the
- 6 restrictions on the administration and funding of these programs
- 7 prevent community college districts from allocating resources in
- 8 a way that best serves their students and the overall needs of the
- 9 state.

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- 1 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to consolidate funding for several similar categorical programs into larger block grants, and to redefine the parameters of the programs accordingly.